

NOTICE

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO PURCHASE OYSTER SPAT ATTACHED ON SHELL CULTCH (SPAT ON SHELL) FOR THE LYNNHAVEN RIVER FOR THE 2009 REPLENISHMENT PROGRAM.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Virginia Marine Resources Commission (VMRC) intends to contract for the purchase of 2,000 bushels of bagged oyster shell with spat attached at a targeted rate of at least 10 spat/shell. These shells with spat attached will be produced, transported, and deployed by the participants onto oyster restoration sites within the Lynnhaven River.

THE COMMISSION RESERVES THE RIGHT TO MAKE CHANGES IN THE PROGRAM AT ANY TIME.

GENERAL:

Standard Virginia bushels of clean, aged, oyster or hard clam shell will be loaded into mesh bags at the rate of 2 or 3 bags per bushel and be ready for inspection by VMRC personnel by May 1, 2009.

Selected participants will provide all the labor required to load bagged shells sufficient in size to hold a minimum of 100 bushels of shells per tank between May 1, 2009 and July 15, 2009.

According to procedures provided to the setting station by the Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS) and VMRC personnel, tanks with shells will be filled with local bay water, heated to at least 25°C and provided with aeration in preparation for setting approximately 7.5 million eyed larvae per 100 bushels of shell.

After a 4 to 14 day husbandry period in the tank, oyster shell bags and attached oysters will be transported to sanctuary reefs in the Lynnhaven River designated by VMRC personnel, bags broken, and spat on shell deployed.

VMRC personnel will supervise the deployment of all oysters and shells on the receiving areas.

VIMS and VMRC personnel will provide assistance to participants to optimize remote setting conditions and to standardize production among sites.

The price per bushel of spat on shell will be \$20.00.

Payment to the contractor shall be made after each lot of at least 200 bushels of spat on shell has been deployed and upon receipt of proper documentation by the Conservation and Replenishment office, and verification of registration with the Virginia Department of Minority Business Enterprises, as a small, woman, or minority owned company, payment will be made to the contractor in accordance with the Prompt Payment Act. Before any payments can be made, a contract and current Tax form (W-9) will have to be completed and on file at the Marine Resources Commission main office. Checks will be forwarded to the contractor by mail.

The Marine Resources Commission will provide all contractors with information, so that they, if not already registered, can promptly register as a small, woman, or minority owned company with the Virginia Department of Minority Business Enterprises.

In order to participate in providing spat on shell for the Lynnhaven River for the 2009 season, the offeror must submit in writing information describing the following qualifications for their facility:

- 1) A setting facility located on Virginia's portion of the Bay and tributaries, or on the Seaside of the Eastern Shore with access to salinity levels consistently greater than 25 ppt.
- 2) A description of their experience in setting eyed larvae on shell.
- 3) A sufficient quantity of clean, aged oyster or hard clam shell.
- 4) One tank large enough to hold 100 bushels of shells within mesh shell bags, all equipment necessary to handle shell bags on land, and all the equipment necessary to transport spat on shell to the Lynnhaven River.

RESPONSE DEADLINE:

Written responses must be submitted to the Conservation and Replenishment Department by mail, fax, or e-mail, describing your qualifications and interest in providing spat on shell to the Conservation and Replenishment Department at the main office no later than 12 Noon, Friday, March 13, 2009.

LOTTERY:

All persons will be ranked based on the description provided. The Virginia Marine Resources Commission is seeking one or two participants that have the capability to produce spat on shell for deployment in the Lynnhaven River. Selection of participants will first be based on experience in setting eyed oyster larvae on shells in the Chesapeake Bay. If more than two (2) applicants have experience and all other qualifications, a lottery will be held to select the two (2) participants. The lottery will be held on Monday, March 16, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. at the VMRC Conservation and Replenishment Department office that date. The address is: 2600 Washington Avenue, 3rd floor, Newport News, Virginia 23607. The lottery will be open to those individuals who wish to be present during the drawing.

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